

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend [0069] as follows:

[0069] In an alternative form, instead of being mounted on a swivel elbow, a vent assembly 200 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is mounted on or formed as part of a patient interface frame 210. Figs. 11a-14 show a frame for a patient interface which comprises two generally cylindrical end portions 220 interconnected by a generally rectangular backbone 230.

Nozzles 211 may be included to interface with the nostrils of a user. A clip 240 is slidably positioned on the backbone 230. The clip 240 includes at least two alternative vents 250, 260.

One or more orifices or windows in the backbone 230, similar to orifice or window 102, provides for fluid communication to an interior of the patient interface. By sliding the clip 240 to alternatively align vent 250 or 260 with the orifice, exhaled air can be vented via vent 250 or 260. Fig. 11 a shows the clip 240 in a first position in which the vent 260 is aligned with an orifice in the backbone, and one or both vents 250 are sealed. Fig. 11b shows the clip 240 in a second position in which one or both vents 250 are aligned with respective orifices in the backbone, and the vent 260 is sealed.